1987-88 is yet to be collected. However 800 students have been selected for admission into the eleven Vidyalayas in the year 1987-88.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. One more Navodaya Vidyalayas has been sanctioned to be established during 1988-89 in Orissa at village Salabani in Maayourbhanj district

Cigarette with less cancer risk

2953. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that safer cigarettes developed by some of the large cigarette manufacturers with reduced cancer risks have not been introduced in the market and if so, reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quality of tobacco used in cigarettes in India even in the foreign brand names is of far inferior quality than used in western countries and thus liable to cause more diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no safe cigarette. Cigarette and bidi smoking, irrespective of tar and nicotine content, is injurious to health.

(b) The available data indicate that tar and nicotine contents of Indian cigarettes and bidi are higher than that used in Western countries.

'Bandh' notice by Commerical Transport Operators

2954. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven lakh Commercial Transport Operators have decided to go on an indefinite country-wide Bandh beginning 31st March, 1988, if their demands are not conceded by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the grievances of the Transport Operators and what necessary action is being taken by Government to give protection to the consumer transporters to avoid the proposed Bandh-call?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A press release has been received from Secretary General, All India Motor Transport Congress, New Delhi stating that *Commercial road transport vehicles* will be withdrawn from roads from the mid-night of 31st March, 1988. The demands of the Transport Operators are import of tyres under Open General Licence, roll-back of tyre prices and making mandatory the embossing of retail selling price on tyres/tubes, (ii) rationalisation and uniformity of price of High Speed Diesel in the Country (iii) reduction of cumulative burden of Central and State duties & taxes on road transport. The demands have been brought to the notice of Ministry of Industry and Finance which are the concerned Ministries with regard to pricing and taxation in tyre Industry.

"फ्रीडम फ्रंट ओनली टु इम्प्रेस राजीव" शीर्षक से समाचार

2955. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 1 मार्च, 1988 के इंडियन एक्सप्रेस, में "फ्रीडम फ्रन्ट ओनली टु इम्प्रेस राजीव" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;